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## **SCHAKOWSKY STATEMENT ON THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT**

Washington, D.C.—U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky, a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, today announced her support for the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA).

"Madame Speaker, I am delighted to rise today in strong support of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA)."

As a mother and a proud grandmother of four, I can think of no higher priority than ensuring that every child in America has access to the health care they need to thrive.

Today's bill will not only prevent SCHIP from expiring on March 31, 2009, but it will also ensure that the program is able to pay for the full range of services that children need, including mental health and substance abuse treatment.

I am also pleased that after many thwarted efforts, we finally have a President that will sign this bill into law.